VIEWS OF OUR PUGS

Will They Divide the Purse if They Fight?

ARTHUR T. LUMLEY'S OPINION

s-Mitchell Match" -- Will They Divide the Prize Money?

Years of association with fighters are impressed me with the extreme ullihitity of the American sporting ublia. I refer to the fraternity not as whole, and except those with intelligues enough to book beneath the surses and think for themselves. The cost remarkable evidence of gullibliries to be found in the now famous, or, a be more frank, infamous, Mitchellerbett match. These two fighters or mouths have had the English and tenrican sporting public by the ears of have been "throwing in the con" anch a finished manner that some their enemies and detractors, even, that they mean to be on the level. In the history of the prize ring no so such fakirs have been brought to see. By a system of buncombe, deviah in its ingenuity and remarkable or its surprises, these two men have acced themselves in a position to be alked about in every country where word purities in a bountry where

placed themselves in a position to be sailed about in every country where the word pugilism is known. This fact alone would stamp them as faline. Honest men do not run into print at the slightest provocation. If they have any idea in mind they do not run to a newspaper and blow it into the ear of a friendly reporter. The old-time fighters didn't pursue this course. Did licenan and Sayres attitud into as Corbett and Mitchell are attitud in the said of t technizing? When these two war-Eight there were no pyrotechnics, no display of one thousand-dollar bills (with strings attached), and no bun-combe. The articles were quickly ar-ranged and as quickly signed. Heenan and Sayres appreciated the fact that such was battling for the championship of his respective country, and his dig-nity alone was sufficient. Columns of newspaper talk could not add to the honor in their eyes. Ecto the difference. Here are two purffists, one Mitchell, a man who has

me comparatively little to warrant putation, and Corbett, a fighter, who, see his defeat of Sullivan, has been a man hippodrome. And where does htrachell's reputation as a pugilist come in? He should be known as the "man of draws." He is not England's cham-tion. Pater Jackson hotels this honor. has never whipped a first-class man, his chief claim to distinction is his

Corbett seen fit to be most ropular is could have been the most popular ampton this country has ever seen.

Frim which will indicate his character. A little over a year and a half ago it was proposed to match Mitchell and Contest for six rounds in the Madison Square garden. When Corbett came was he called on me and said he wanted me to be his advisor. He would be justed by me, he said, in all things. I few days later he called again and mented me to go to the Clipper office. amied me to go to the Clipper office of him and arrange for a finish of the between him and Mitchell. I consider, and suggested that we take a sh. Corbett agreed, and added:

"Oh, yes. Let us have a cab, Arthur.

atos one, you know." Before agreeing to go to the Clipper lice with him it was arranged that chould most Mitchell on his own and: that there should be no follyg, and that only business should be discussed. We arrived at the Clipper office, where Mitchell was awaiting us. linagine my surprise at the way Mitchall and Corbett greated each other. It must be understood that these two men were ampound to be at daggers drawn, and that there was no love lost Between them.

Corbett started his jolly as follows: "My dear Mr. Mitchell, I'm very glad the sea you. I have heard you are a very siellful boxer, and a thorough good dillow. It is an honor, my boy, to must you and I hope we will see more of each other," and more talk in a sim-

Howas then Mitchell's turn to folly, and be began this way:

"Lhardly expected to meet such a I have always heard you were a nice Sellow, you have exceeded my ideas. I inderstand, too, you are a great pagtlist. Relieve me, me boy, this is one of the greatest moments of my life. al I will always remember the cons-

And then Mitchell and Corbett fell n each other's necks and wept for joy

the merting. Great Jehosaphat! Shades of John Sullivan! And these two men met o make a match on the level.

I was disputed, and told Corbett so, of left him to continue his joilying. The articles were signed for a six-The articles were signed for a structure go, for the gate money, and had the men met they would have joiled the public and got the money. This bit of instrucerity was not enough to completely sour me, however. I said to myself: "Perhaps I am mistaken. There may be some good in these two hom, after all. Fill reserve judgment."

And then excen the Sullivan fight, and the latter's defeat. Now, I said, Corbett will have a chance to show

riett will have a chance to show madd. If there is good in him is il come out. If there is fake, he

Hardly had he won the fight than he gun to throw his friends. Miles Donwho provided nearly \$5,000 of the 3,000 stake money, was the first, secret had been his friend and admer for years. What the Corbett care or this friendship? What was friend-

fig to him? A more name. Next he threw Charlie Stensel, of closes, a man who loved him as a

oring the part month Cornett has had the floor in this "International Fake Match." He has talked and written era and when toler and pen gave and the even was taken up at the place

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always with the stea that the newspaper men would print what they said.

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Even the Coleman house after the surremnded the negotiations and emitted a little wind on its own account. Director General O'Malley came to the front and magnanimously proclaimed that the C. I. A. C. were welcome to the Corbett-Mitchell match if they would bit \$45,000 and obtain Mitchell's signature. Moreover, the Chicago people would generously sell tickets to help Corey Island along and charge no commission. "We would do this in the interest of sport purely," says O'Malley. In the next breath the same gentleman stated that he already had Mitchell's signature and Corbett's also, the latter being conditional on the procuring of the Englishman's name. Was it a jolly, or what? There must have been a considerable element of bluff in O'Malley's remarks, for the day after he said he had Mitchell's signature that remarkable person stated for publication that he would sign nothing until he reached America.

Corbett complains he was roasted by the different sporting newspaper writers throughout the country. If he was on the level would he receive this basting? Here is a part of what Eugene Ffeld, the Chicago poet, says about him:

"Mr. Corbett belongs to a limited—a fortunately limited—class of people

about him:

"Mr. Corbett belongs to a limited—a fortunately limited—class of people who are too mean to get drunk. This, however, is not the limit to his meanness. Elsewhere he is as low and as brutal as the veriest thumper that loafs about the street corners and the dramshops. His instincts are just as brutal and his practices are even more despicable, for it is not with liquor in his veins, but in cold blood, that he goes his infamous way. There is nothing in this man to admire. His career from the first has been victous. He presents no aspect that is not to be despised, and more odious than all his other victous aspects is that mean, low, cowardly hypects is that mean, low, cowardly hypoerisy of his under which he is continually seeking to hide his moral rot-

Field is not a sporting writer, but a keen observer. What he says is the impressions of an intelligent, thinking

These are a few of the things which lead me to believe that the Mitchell-Corbett fight is a colessal fake, and that if they ever do come together the money will be divided and the sporting public will be duped. Read the writing on the wall. To offer a \$45,000 purse for these two fakirs is absurd.

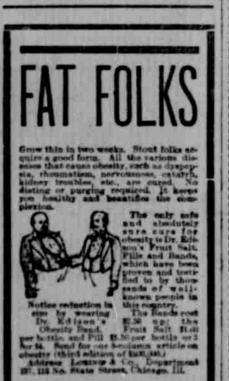
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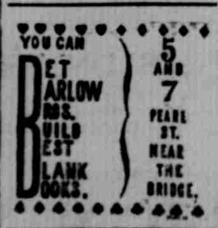
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